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For: A Carrying Sleeve for Printing and
Transfer Forms and a Process for
Production of Such a Carrying Sleeve

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in
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The person signing below certifies that each item of information contained in the present Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present statement. The enclosed references were cited in a Japanese application corresponding to the present application. The Japanese Search Report bears a date of April 7, 1998.

The Information Disclosure Statement transmitted herewith is being filed after a final action or a Notice of Allowance, but before the payment of the Issue Fee. The undersigned hereby petitions that the Examiner consider the information cited in this statement. A check in the amount of \$130. is enclosed to cover the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)(1).

Japanese reference 62-270389 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,817,527 which discloses a printing blanket with carrier plate and method for assembly. This reference was indicated as being technological background.

The present invention defines a specific carrying sleeve for printing and transfer form and a process for production of such a carrying sleeve which are not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed reference.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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